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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Erik Leonard Hoffman) Examiner: David C. Comstock
Serial No.: 10/037,318) Art Unit: 3732
Filed: November 7, 2001)
For: FASTENING ELEMENT FOR AN IMPLANT,)
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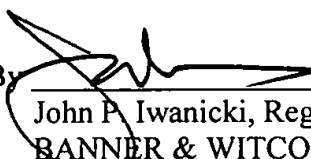
In regard to the above identified application, we are transmitting herewith the attached:

1. Amendment and Response to Final Office Action;
2. Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time;
3. RCE Request, and
4. Return postcard.

With respect to additional fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Petition and filing fees of \$595.00, and any additional fees or credit overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 27, 2004

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